

REMARKS

The Office Action dated July 25, 2005 has been fully considered by the Applicant.

The conference interview with Examiner Michael Hoye and Supervisory Primary Examiner John Miller on October 26, 2005 is gratefully acknowledged.

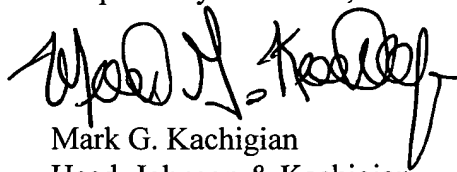
Informalities identified in the claim objections have been addressed by amendments of the claims herein as agreed with Examiner Hoye.

As agreed with the Examiners Hoye and Miller, as now amended, independent Claims 1 and 9 patentably distinguish the invention over the Blatter et al. and Magee et al. references as confirmed by the copy of the Interview Summary Record attached hereto.

Enclosed is a Request for a One-Month Extension of Time and a check in the amount of \$120 for the extension fee.

It is believed the application is now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark G. Kachigian', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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